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The melancholy days have come, the saddest of the year. Of clearing paths, and scrubbing floors, and of the "cherish" ready in their hearts, and we think it is a pretty well sung in the Evening Telegraph.

Where are those rooms, those quiet rooms, the house but now presented, When we dwell, not dreamed of dirt, so quiet and contented.

Also, they're turned all upside down, that cozy nest of rooms. With a clean and scrub, and soap, and sand, and a little bit of "cherish" ready in their hearts, and we think it is a pretty well sung in the Evening Telegraph.

And now when comes the master home, as come the "cherish" ready in their hearts, and we think it is a pretty well sung in the Evening Telegraph.

To the things are "set to wrongs" that they have "set to rights." When the sound of driving tacks is heard, though the "cherish" ready in their hearts, and we think it is a pretty well sung in the Evening Telegraph.

And when the carpet comes on the stairs, that har-inger of life. He looks for papers, books or bills, that all were "cherish" ready in their hearts, and we think it is a pretty well sung in the Evening Telegraph.

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die, and after giving us her parting benediction and love, and sealing them with what I then thought was her last kiss, she died. Truly was it said of her, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors."

We buried her remains there, as she had desired us to do, and after leaving my little son at a boarding school, I made my solitary way back to my western city home, to live as best I could, and as it seemed to me then with no other guide for the future but the memories of the past, and I felt that my star had set. No one knows, and no one ever can know, but he who has been thus afflicted and situated, the dark desolation of that home. I who have known and felt it cannot describe it. It did not suffice that I had such strong evidence that what was my loss was her gain. It was a great consolation to know and feel that, but withal it did not fill that vacancy which followed me at every step, that vacancy that was with me everywhere, all the time; that sightless, endless blank.

It may be our duty to submit to the overruling decrees of Providence without a murmur, and I am one who believes in that duty as much as any one can, but at the same time, I hope and believe that a just, merciful God will look tenderly and forgivingly on the tears upon the bereft one's cheeks, as they trickle in quick succession down on his lonely pillow. If it is not so, then certainly a load of sin rests upon me, but I cannot feel that it is so.

Those flood of tears were not rebellions in their nature, but they were the pure outpourings of a loving and sad, but a humble heart.

A short time after my return to my lonely home, I retired to my room for the night, locked my door behind me, and at that time feeling under an unusual depression of spirits. I sought some relief in reading the chapter in the New Testament which contains that consoling text, and after seeking consolation from whence I could only hope for it to come, leaving my lighted lamp on my side-table, I lay down on my bed and went to sleep. How long I wept I know not, nor am I conscious of having slept at all. It does not seem to me even now that I did sleep.

While I lay there weeping, my heart yearning after her who had gone from me, and my mind striving to penetrate the depth of the spirit world, and yet as it seems to me fully conscious of all things around me, suddenly, and without the least noise or falling of mortal, I saw the house-top moving from over me, sliding, as it seemed, to the left, and passing entirely away, and as I lay there upon my back, I looked out upon the starry sky. All was bright and clear; and the twinkling stars were never brighter or clearer to me, than I saw them then. All was still as the chamber of death, when an immortal soul is just taking its flight Heavenward, and not a sound from the yet busy street touched my ear. Could I be mistaken, or am I dreaming, thought I, as I lay in mute amazement for a time, contemplating this strange and sudden transition.

I turned my eyes around my room to assure myself that I was not dreaming, and I saw it all as it was before and went to be, in order; the chairs in place, the mirror on the wall, and my lighted lamp still burning on my side-table. All was the same, save that the house-top was gone from over me.

Thus reassured, I again turned my eyes upward, when behold! directly over me, hanging as it were in high Heaven, I saw in graceful folds a blue and white cloud, and the upper portion of the white folds were bright with silvery edges. No other clouds were there, nothing else was to be seen but the clear blue sky and the bright twinkling numberless stars, but the bright silvery edges of the cloud betokened somewhere above them a brighter, intenser light, from a source farther beyond than my vision extended. As I lay contemplating the scene, the cloud became rapidly descending till it came, as it seemed, and hung over me in mid air in nearer view, when again behold! O rapturous vision, soul inspiring sight! How shall I describe it? In the folds of the silvery clouds, with her right hand resting on a bright edge, I saw my wife, now transformed into an angel, sitting, bending over and looking down upon me with an expression of the most tender love and compassion.

I doubt whether any pen could describe the thrill of wonder, joy, and gratitude with which I gazed upon that vision. My depressed and bleeding heart bounded and strove to burst its bonds, and I pressed my own bosom as if I would hold it there that it might not escape me. Could I

have flown, or could I have died at will, and my soul have left its mortal tenement, and gone up to that high place to embrace that angelic form, the gift and control of the whole world would have offered me no inducement to remain in my bed, but I could not. I felt myself fixed there with no power to move, except my arms and hands, and those I stretched up imploringly towards her. I had no power to speak, and how long I lay looking, wishing, and alternately weeping I do not know, but it seemed to me an age.

At length as a dove opens its wings and gracefully leaps confidently into the air from some high steeple top, so she opened her white wings and gliding from her silvery seat, describing circles in the air, she gradually descended towards me. If I could, I would describe my feelings as I watched that staid wing flight, each circle of which came nearer and nearer to me. Although in her countenance the expression of love and compassion grew brighter and deeper as she neared, I trembled with fear that she might not reach me. Could I meet her, even in the air, I should be content. But thanks to the God of Heaven and to the great Mediator by whose will she came, she did come to me, and alighted on the side of my bed. I shall never cease to render humility, thanksgiving and praise to Him for the sacred visitation.

There, without speaking, she stood bending over me, looking upon me with that expression never to be forgotten. Her form and features seemed unchanged, she seemed like flesh and blood, and just as I knew her in the days of her womanhood, with the addition of white flowing robes, and white wings now folded on her shoulders, and the expressions of her face and ever speaking eyes were intensified to a wonderful degree. She held, in both of her hands, to my view, a golden frame just large enough to embrace a white letter envelope of the ordinary size, and on the envelope was inscribed in my own hand writing these words, "Jesus Christ is the son of God." As I looked into her face, and upon the envelope thus embraced in the golden frame, although she spoke no word, nor made a sign, I immediately recognized my handwriting and understood it all, and knew the contents of the letter contained within, as one I had written to her in early life, wherein the truth of Jesus Christ being the son of God was discussed by me.

As in mute silence I contemplated what I saw, I felt assured that I understood it all; that her mission to me was to this silently say, "It is so, be assured that it is so, for I have found it so." I tried by my looks to express to her that I understood it all and that her mission to me would be appreciated and never forgotten. Silently and rapturously, without a motion, word, or sign, my soul embraced hers in indescribable bliss, and the Christian reader and believer must, in their own souls fill this space with expressions which my pen cannot trace.

That embrace of souls over, she looked a moment more upon me, then stooped down and impressed a seemingly warm and living kiss upon my lips. While the thrilling sensation was bounding through me, electrifying every impulse of my heart and soul, and while as it were, I was completely entranced with love and gratitude for the angelic presence she vanished from my sight, the house top slid silently back to its place, and with the sensation of that warm kiss still upon my lips, I found myself lying upon my back with my hands outstretched towards heaven, and my cheeks and pillow bathed with tears.

Slowly and unwillingly I became conscious that she was no longer there with me, and that my room was the same as when I entered it, but the now exhausted lamp on my table, and the reddened eastern sky looking in at my window, admonished me that the whole night had passed in her presence, and that it was early morning. I closed my eyes and tried in vain to again see the lovely vision, but I could not, and when I arose I found the door still locked with the key inside.

Thirteen years have rolled away since that eventful night, and have brought many changes, and with them another loving wife and three lovely children, all of whom share my deepest love and daily care, but yet that scene, in all its details, is as fresh in my memory as ever, especially at the close of the year.

Even now I can lay my head on my pillow, and closing my eyes, I can measurably see that heavenly vision and realize a degree of the sensation of that last kiss.

Governor's Message.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives.

After a year of many mercies and great prosperity, as we meet to perform the duties imposed upon us by the Constitution of the State, I feel it my duty to call your attention to the condition of the State.

I respectfully submit the following statement of the transactions of the State for the year, with such recommendations as seem to require your consideration.

The detailed report of the Treasurer which I transmit with this, will clearly exhibit to you the financial condition of the State.

From this it appears that the total receipts into the Treasury from all sources, have been \$2,937,327.06.

The total amount of men furnished by the State since the commencement of the war is thirty-two thousand seven hundred and ten men.

The total number raised since Oct. 1, 1863, including 17th and 18th Regiments, and credits for men accepted, is 4,833.

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